

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – RWS&S Department – Allegations of misuse of funds and not accounted for the funds drawn and deposited amount in private bank in DWSC, Guntur and in DWSC Nellore – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 2125

Dated:23.12.2013

Read:

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3. Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, is directed to submit within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri G. Raja Rao Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur & Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIKAS RAJ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RWS&S)

To
Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur through the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS &S, Hyderabad.

(in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy)

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

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ANNEXURE-I

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 2125, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt.23.12.2013)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES AGAINST SRI G. RAJA RAO, SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS&S CIRCLE, GUNTUR & FORMERLY MEMBER-SECRETARY, DWSC, GUNTUR

CHARGE:

That Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, has misused the funds granted by Government of India for Rural sanitation purpose in DWSC Guntur and in DWSC Nellore, in his capacity as Member Secretary, DWSC at Guntur and Nellore. He has withdrawn the huge amounts through self cheques, which is against the guidelines and he has not accounted for the funds drawn and deposited amount in private bank in DWSC, Guntur and in DWSC Nellore which is against the Govt. norms. Thus, he has misused his official position for his personal gain in contravening the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Basis:

The Project Director, SWSM, Hyderabad has enquired into the complaint dt.19.11.2013 made by one Sri D. Seshu Babu, Guntur District, on the allegations in misuse of funds granted by Government of India for Rural sanitation purpose in DWSC Guntur and in DWSC Nellore, against Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur, in his capacity as Member Secretary, DWSC at Guntur and Nellore. The Project Director, SWSM, Hyderabad has submitted his preliminary enquiry report vide his Lr.No.SWSM/Misuse of Fund/ANB/2013, dt. 13.12.2013, on the alleged allegations.

The Project Director, SWSM, Hyderabad has reported that the Cash Books, Vouchers, Pass Books, Note files of DWSC, Guntur and Nellore were examined and found some lapses as follows.

- 1. Huge amounts were withdrawn through self cheques which is against the guidelines:** The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur Sri G. Raja Rao, in his capacity as Member Secretary of the DWSC, Guntur is operating the Account Number 0700101001988172 and 070010100248105 at the Kannavarithota Branch of the AXIS Bank through which funds granted by the Government of India for the Rural Sanitation purpose, like construction of public toilets, are routed. As per the norms such accounts should be operated in Nationalised Banks only. It has been found that an amount of Rs.1.53 crores were withdrawn through self cheques without entering into Cash Books, from Account Number 0700101001988172 of AXIS Bank for the period from 17.05.2013 to 18.10.2013 and an amount of Rs.1.66 crores were transferred from DWSC, Nellore to the same account.

Rs.48.00 lakhs were withdrawn through self cheques, from Account Number 0442100044108 of Andhra Bank, Guntur for the period from 29.07.2013 to 17.10.2013.

Rs.4.5 lakhs were withdrawn through self cheques, from Account Number 100710011301841 of Andhra Bank, Guntur on 03.06.2013.

Rs.4.5 lakhs were withdrawn through self cheques, from Account Number 01501010008090 of Andhra Bank, Guntur on 17.05.2013.

- 2. Released advances to regular staff from DWSC during the strike period:**

An amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs were drawn and paid to the regular staff without permission from the authority.

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3. Transfer of funds from DWSC, Nellore to DWSC, Guntur without permission of authorities i.e., Project Director, SWSM, Hyderabad, even the permission of Chairman, DWSC/Collector and District Magistrate, Nellore was not obtained:

As verified from the Bank statements of DWSC, Guntur, an amount of Rs.1.45 cores were received from DWSC, Nellore to DWSC, Guntur in Account No. 0700101001988172 of AXIS Bank, Guntur, out of that an amount of Rs.1.03 crores withdrawn through self cheques.

An amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs were received from DWSC, Nellore to DWSC, Guntur in Account No.044210100044108 of Andhra Bank, Guntur and an amount of Rs.20,00 lakhs withdrawn through self cheque.

An amount of Rs.20.00 lakhs were received from DWSC, Nellore to DWSC, Guntur in Account No.52134951775 of SBH, Guntur and the Bank statement has not been submitted by the Accountant as per the instructions of the Member Secretary, DWSC, Guntur.

The amounts withdrawn by self cheques are not entered in Cash books in DWSC, Guntur.

The amounts transferred from DWSC, Nellore has not been accounted for in Cash books of DWSC, Guntur.

4. The amounts withdrawn by self cheques at DWSC, Nellore:

1. On 21.10.2013 through Cheque No.310608 from SRPP grant an amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
2. On 18.11.2013 through Cheque. No.310612 from SRPP grant an amount of Rs.26.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
3. On 15.10.2013 through Cheque No.966145 from NBA Central grant an amount of Rs.15.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
4. On 19.10.2013 through Cheque No.966151 from NBA Central grant an amount of Rs.10.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
5. On 19.10.2013, through Cheque No. 168229 from NRDWP supporting funds (Lab) grant an amount of Rs.10.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
6. On 19.10.2013 through Cheque No.158230 from NRDWP supporting funds (Lab) grant an amount of Rs.10.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.
7. On 18.11.2013 through Cheque No.966159 from NBA (Central) grant an amount of Rs.38.00 Lakhs were withdrawn by Self Cheque and taken away the amount by the Member Secretary by giving a receipt.

From this, it is evident that Sri G. Raja Rao, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, Guntur & formerly Member-Secretary, DWSC, Guntur, has failed to follow the guidelines/norms in vogue and misused the funds granted by Government of India for Rural sanitation purpose in DWSC Guntur and in DWSC Nellore, in his capacity as Member Secretary, DWSC at Guntur and Nellore and withdrawn the huge amounts through self

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cheques, which is against the guidelines and not accounted for the funds drawn and deposited amount in private bank in DWSC, Guntur and in DWSC Nellore which is against the norms. Thus, he has misused his official position for his personal gain and his action is in violation of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

VIKAS RAJ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RWS&S)

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ANNEXURE-II

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 2125, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt. 23.12.2013)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI G. RAJA RAO, SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS&S CIRCLE, GUNTUR & FORMERLY MEMBER-SECRETARY, DWSC, GUNTUR

Lr.No.SWSM/Misuse of Fund/ANB/2013, dt. 13.12.2013, of the
Project Director, SWSM, Hyderabad Lr.No.SWSM/Misuse of
Fund/ANB/2013, dt. 13.12.2013.

VIKAS RAJ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RWS&S)

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ANNEXURE-III

(Annexure to G.O.Rt.No. 2125, PR&RD (Vig.IA) Dept., dt.23.12.2013)

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI G. RAJA RAO MEMBER-SECRETARY, DWSC, GUNTUR & SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RWS&S CIRCLE, GUNTUR.

- NIL -

VIKAS RAJ
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RWS&S)

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